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H. Michael WENZ

Application No.: 09/724,755

Filed: November 28, 2000

For: METHODS FOR DETECTING  
TARGET NUCLEIC ACIDS  
USING COUPLED LIGATION  
AND AMPLIFICATION

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Application No. 09/584,905, filed on May 30, 2000, which Applicant relies upon for the benefit provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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